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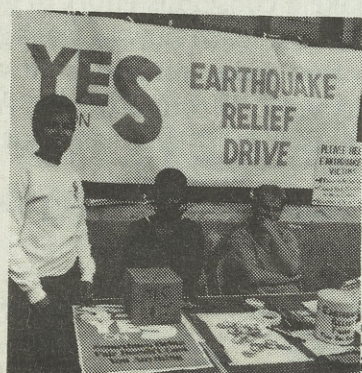
by Keith Clark

Voters in San Francisco handed the city's gay/lesbian community a major blow by voting to repeal the domestic partners ordinance in the November 7 election. The defeat was close, with the final tally at 51% to 49% on the measure.

Carol Midgen, who ran the Yes on S campaign's financial program, said "This is a community that has endured pain and defeat

before," added, "That is not to mitigate that this is a crushing disappointment for us all."

Yes on S campaign workers blamed the loss on everything



"Yes On S" organizers' energy was redirected by earthquake relief efforts.

from a more conservative than usual turn-out in the off-year election to the October 17th earthquake. But critics in the gay/lesbian community have also cited poor campaign organization and a failure of the gay community to get fired up by the election issue.

Although the earthquake appeared to have had little actual impact on the voter turn-out Tuesday. Yes on S campaign leaders pointed out that the campaign itself stopped all its political activities for over a week following the quake to divert all its efforts to quake relief efforts. That week of lost political campaigning was partly reflected in the narrow defeat of Proposition S.

As in the three other West Coast campaigns, San Francis-



Harry Britt relates the bad news about the defeat of the Domestic Partners legislation.

co's domestic partners ordinance was forced onto the election ballot by fundamentalist opponents.

Proposition S, which gave unmarried couples the right to register their relationship with the city clerk's office and granted hospital visitation rights and bereavement leave to municipal employees in such registered relationships, was passed unan-

imously by the Board of Supervisors in April.

The domestic partners ordinance was opposed on moral ground by both fundamentalists and the Catholic church here, and critics of the ordinance charged that the prospect of the law extending health insurance coverage benefits to city workers in such relationships could cost up to \$1 million a year.

Profiles of The Lambda Awardees

Leaders of Sacramento and Davis' gay and lesbian community will be honored November 20 at the sixth annual Lambda Awards dinner, sponsored by the River City Democratic Club.

Dr. Virginia Uribe, founder of Project 10 — a program designed to counsel gay and lesbian teens — will be the evening's keynote speaker.

Dr. Uribe's Project 10 has attracted a great deal of attention both in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C., and has received the support of many progressive leaders in education — including California Superintendent of Public Instruction, Bill Honig.

"Liberty and justice for all does not end with gay and lesbian children," declares Dr. Uribe. "Students have a right to go to school without being subjected to verbal and physical abuse; they have a right to ob-

tain accurate information about themselves from trained counselors."

Dr. Uribe's appearance at the event will be her first address to a Sacramento civic organization. "It's a thrill to come to a place where I have so many friends as well as so many adversaries," Dr. Uribe said.

The recipients of the Lambda Awards are dedicated people, whose activism has changed the way gays and lesbians are perceived by others, and whose commitment has improved life in our community. A profile of each award recipient describes the many reasons for their selection by the River City Democratic Club.



Dr. Virginia Uribe.

Doug Brown

A consultant to the State Senate Select Committee on Small Business Enterprises, Doug grew up in Iowa, and received a Masters degree in urban and regional planning from George Washington University in 1982.

Doug worked in the Carter White House from 1978-80 as a small business consultant, and also has worked for the U.S. Small Business Administration as a Project Coordinator for U.C. Berkeley and as Deputy Director

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DRUGS & ALCOHOL IN THE GAY COMMUNITY

by Sara Myers

For many years it has been an accepted fact that a larger percentage of the gay/lesbian community suffers from alcoholism than the community at large.

In fact, it is estimated that 30% of gay American men are afflicted with alcoholism while

fewer than 15% of society in general suffers from this disease.

In a recent research paper William de la Haye, of San Jose, reports that many researchers feel that the higher incidence of alcoholism among gays is attributed to: 1) the gay community being an oppressed minority, 2) bars being the traditional setting for gay social activities, and 3) alcoholism service agencies lacking responsiveness to the gay alcoholic. de la Haye, however, points to research — often overlooked — indicating that a

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Who Are These People?

Editor,

Although I support the recognition of outstanding members of our community at the Lambda Awards each year, I am greatly surprised by the list of the 1989 winners. I realize that the Lambda awards cannot possibly include all who are deserving, but this year I feel that too many of those who have given the most to our community have been excluded.

Nancy Nystrom walked 100 miles to raise over \$10,000 for AIDS charities, but was not included. David Bernt and David Austin created and organized Sacramento's first AIDS walk, but they were not included. Art Jackson and the staff at PSSN added a tremendous resource to the community in the form of an AIDS information newsletter, but they were not included.

Although it is not my intention to take away from the pride that the award winners should feel or to detract from their contributions, I would be interested in seeing the criteria used for deciding who the winners will be. When the formation of a fraternity is judged to be more important than major contributions to AIDS fundraising and information efforts, priorities seem to be askew!

Elizabeth Swanson

Pain and Pride

Editor,

I was appalled to see your giant two page spread on the S.F. Mr. Drummer competition. Scantly clad men inflicting pain on each other's bodies is not my idea of gay pride. Secondly, the wearing of animal skin is nothing to be flaunted. Finally, isn't this paper supposed to cover local issues? Who cares about this event anyway?

Susan Cain

DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is December 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by December 5th.

Taking Power Back

This month's drug and alcohol feature is an issue for many of us in the gay and lesbian community. Although everyone has an individual perception of what "abuse" and "recreational use" mean, the major factor, for me, is "am I in control of my life, or does my habit control me?"

Many years ago, my life wasn't manageable because of my drug use and only after many traumatic and painful experiences was I able to pull myself up by the bootstraps and begin to take care of my physical and inner self.

If you feel drugs and/or alcohol are a problem for you, make a conscious effort to get clear, remove the numbness and learn how to feel again. In many of the articles in this issue you will find ways to begin the process of recovery, through books, Alcoholics Anonymous and counseling. It isn't easy, but you are worth the effort!

My friends, it is time to take control of your lives, your future and your power.

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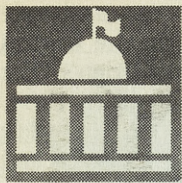
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AROUND TOWN

Sacramento Rushes to Help Earthquake Victims

by Arturo Jackson III

Reverend Ed Sherriff, Coordinator of the Northwest District of the Universal Fellowship of M.C.C.'s, who's office is located in Sacramento, has spearheaded the drive to send over truck loads of food, clothing and cash to M.C.C. Santa Cruz.

The Santa Cruz congregation has been devastated by the earthquake. Rev. Jean Hart reports that some in the gay and lesbian community have lost their lives.

Using the membership and facilities of Rev. Freda Smith's River City M.C.C., the church has been working for over a month to alleviate the suffering. In proportion to San Francisco, a greater percentage of Santa Cruz has been affected in that many businesses and financial institutions remain closed.

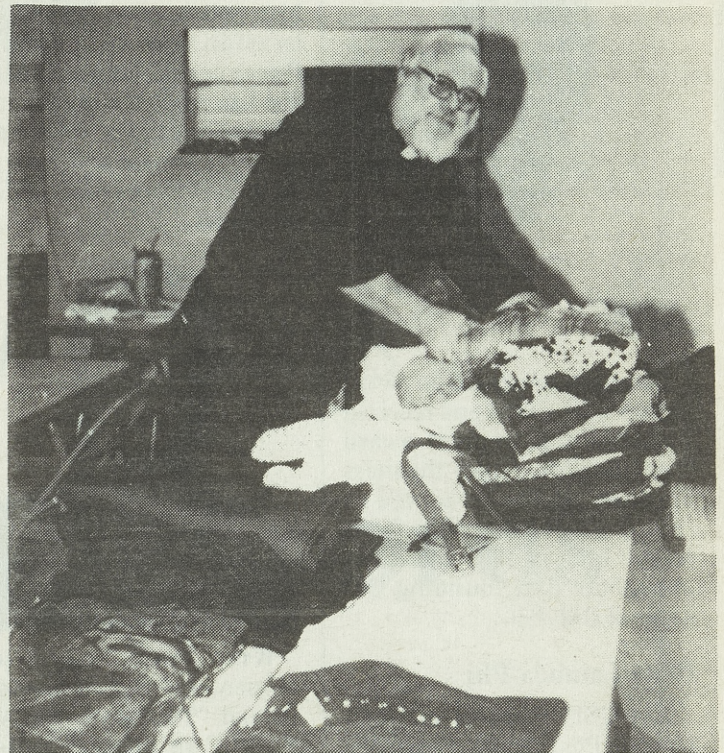
The response by gay and lesbian community of Sacramento has been phenomenal. Individuals have donated money and dropped off donations at the Metropolitan Community Church at 34th and Broadway enabling the MCC church to be a major provider of immediate relief to those hardest hit by the earthquake.

Volunteers showed up at the church to catalog clothes donation into sizes and assist in preparing sandwiches which were distributed to those in need. The

church at press time has already dispatched twelve truckloads of emergency supplies to the areas of Watsonville, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and Oakland areas. Local establishments pitched in the relief efforts by dropping off donations they had collected at the church as well.

The drive to send over truck loads of food, clothing and cash to M.C.C. Santa Cruz.

Reverend Hart expresses her appreciation for the outpouring of compassionate giving that has been forthcoming from the Sac-



Rev. Ed Sherriff sorts clothes for earthquake victims.

Arturo Jackson III

ramento community. The district is still accepting cash donations, as many in that community have been unable to return to businesses that lay in ruins. Checks may be made out

to the Northwest District Earthquake Relief Fund, P.O. Box 5795, Sacramento, CA. 95817. Audit and disbursement records are open to the public at the church offices.



Cast and crew of Lavender Rain after the dress rehearsal.

Lavender and Leather Raise \$3000

Lavendar Rain at Joseph's Town and Country on October 20 and the Leatherfest at the Buffalo Club October 21st each raised approximately \$1,500 for local and out of town charities.

Some of the recipients of the funds raised included the Sac-

ramento AIDS Foundation, Hope House, Hand to Hand, the Leukemia Society and the American Red Cross-Earthquake response fund.

The 'Lavender Rain' show was a take off of Prince's "Purple Rain" featuring Jolanne Tierney and Rainbeau in the feature roles of Prince and Apollonia. "It was a dream come true" said Jolanne, "Everyone involved volunteered many hours of work to make it a successful event."

'Leatherfest' was a huge success with over one hundred and fifty men and women interested in leather in attendance. The

'Leatherfest' event was an introduction of the newly formed Sacramento Leather Association to our community. Mr. Drummer 1989, Brian Dawson of Southern California and Alan Selby of Mr. S Leather were present as well as leather groups from throughout Northern California.

The five dollar entry fee entitled those in attendance to the beer bust and a chance to bid and take possession of the leather articles on the accommodating models. The audience was treated to a bondage demonstration and live entertainment.

North Hall

Clean and Sober

by Arturo Jackson III

The North Hall group, Alcoholics Anonymous, holds meetings every day of the year for gays and lesbians whose desire it is to stay clean and sober. It is through the strength of sharing the tools of sobriety, as well as from sharing with others, that these individuals learn one day at a time to live without alcohol. When one day at a time free from alcohol appears overwhelming, these individuals may learn to live one second at a time.

The first gay/lesbian A.A. meeting in Sacramento was formed in December of 1975 by four lesbians who met in the kitchen on the second floor of Metropolitan Community Church located at 34th Broadway streets. The meetings are still held in the same building on the second floor, but have moved from the kitchen to the main meeting space. These were courageous women, who decided that the importance of establishing a gay/lesbian Alco-

holics Anonymous meeting was vital to their own recovery. It was decided among the four that the A.A. meeting place would be called North Hall and one of the goals of the meeting was to become a registered group of Alcoholics Anonymous and a part of the central California fellowship of A.A..

Accusations were directed by gays towards the women that they were seeking to isolate gay members at gay meetings. Some

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of the small business development center.



Doug was presented an award by President Carter and received a special achievement award from the U.S. Small Business Administration. He served as President of the River City Democratic Club in 1987 and is the immediate past founding Co-Chair of CAP/PAC.

Delta Lambda Phi

The CSUS chapter of Delta Lambda Phi is being recognized for the courage shown in establishing an openly gay fraternity on campus. They are one of fourteen chapters and colonies nationwide formed on the premise that alternative social organizations have not been available to gay men on college campuses during their formative years. The local chapter is intent on



working with all other fraternities and sororities within the CSUS Greek system.

Joy Fergoda

During her fourteen years on the U.C. Davis staff Joy has been a perennial advocate for gay, lesbian and feminist issues. As librarian for the Women's Resource and Research Center, she has made the center into a vibrant source of information for both female and male students exploring sexual and gender issues.

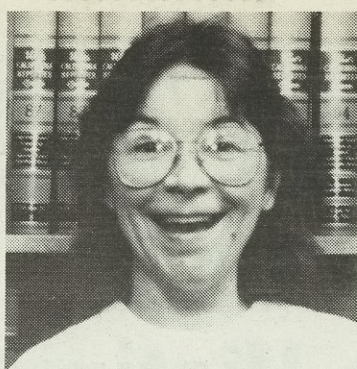


With many other local women, Joy helped create the annual "Take Back the Night March" to protest violence against women. She is the founder of the Lesbian Sharing group which has provided a supportive coming-out environment for a countless number of Davis women, and has been an uncompromising fighter for nondiscrimination in Davis in the Measure A and D campaigns, and for the University policy adopted in 1983.

Joy developed a sensitivity program to enlighten university staff as to the presence of gay and lesbian employees and she is currently a member of the U.C.D. AIDS Education Task Force and the Gay/Lesbian Liaison to the Davis Police Department. For her role as a forceful, even-handed advisor and counselor to many individuals, she was awarded the university staff citation for excellence in 1987.

Carolyn Langenkamp

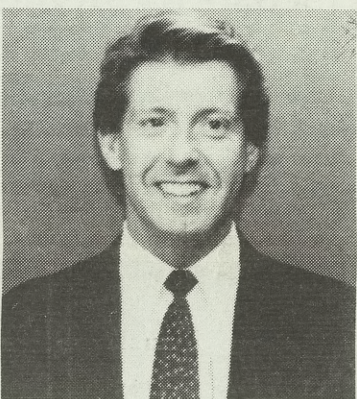
A prominent civil rights attorney and feminist, Carolyn



was born and raised in Texas before relocating to California. She graduated law school in 1979 and has been making a difference ever since.

Some of her accomplishments include: a state Supreme Court case to keep a gay rights initiative on the ballot in Davis in 1980; a sexual harassment and gay rights case against the Department of Corrections; and a class action sex discrimination case against the U.S. Air Force.

Carolyn was recently honored by the Federal District Court for her outstanding civil rights litigation. She currently serves as the founding Co-Chairperson of CAP/PAC.



Dennis Mangers

Dennis has been a teacher, a school principal, and from 1976 to 1980 a member of the California State Assembly, where he authored legislation creating the Gifted And Talented Education program to serve students with high academic abilities.

Several years ago Dennis took the lead in organizing a network of gay people who worked in and around the State Capitol. Tangible outgrowths of this network were the formation of the statewide organization, the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, and of the popular social networking group, Pillars.

Dennis is a member of the

Sacramento Men's Chorus, and a benefactor for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Hope House and other AIDS service agencies for whom he assists with the organization of numerous fundraising events. Dennis currently serves as the Senior Vice President for the California Cable Television Association.

Dr. Marty Rogers

Out of the closet both personally and professionally since 1969, Dr. Marty Rogers' gay activism has earned him no less than three death threats. In 1970, Dr. Rogers was one of the Society for Homosexual Freedom on the CSUS campus, a group that the University President refused to recognize. After winning a court case demanding formal recognition of the group, Marty continued to speak out on gay and lesbian issues and was ordered by CSUS' president to stop. Marty continued with his commitment to this group and the president eventually withdrew his objections.

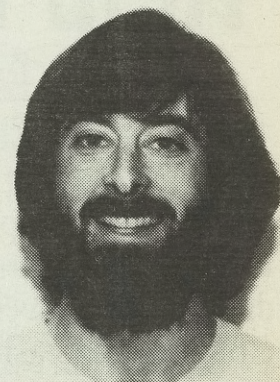
In 1970, Marty introduced a course on homosexuality at CSUS which is still being taught today. He was co-founder of the Association of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists, and later was a member of an A.P.A. task force on the status of lesbian and gay Psychologists. Another first for Marty and for the gay community came when he presented the first grand round discussions on homophobia at Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute, U.C.S.F.



Here in Sacramento, Marty is one of the facilitators who planned the AIDS Foundation in 1983. He has lectured widely on the psychosocial aspects of AIDS, facilitated groups on the "Worried Well," and actively speaks for the AIDS Foundation Healthy Living programs.

His interest and talents earned Marty the River City Business Association's "County Service Award" in 1984. He served on the now defunct "Stars" editorial board and developed the course on the "Invisible Employee" for U.C.D.'s managers and supervisors.

Finally, Marty has devoted a great deal of time sharing parenting responsibilities for the daughter of a previous lover.



Mache Parker Sanderson

Parker has been working to advance the cause of gay/lesbian and human rights for over ten years as both a student and staff member at U.C. Davis. Beginning with the No on 6 Campaign in 1978, he has been a leader in many political and organizing efforts, including a leading role in advocating the adoption of the University of California's sexual orientation nondiscrimination clause in 1983, and promoting recognition of the needs of gay and lesbian students by the university housing office. He served in both the Measure A and D gay rights ordinance campaigns.

Parker has worked as a drug rehabilitation counselor and on the staff of the Third World Forum, communicating the aspirations of people of color. Upon graduation from U.C.D., Parker was awarded for outstanding community services by Chancellor James H. Meyer for his efforts on behalf of the campus gays and lesbians and other minority communities.

The Lambda Awards is an event that we as gays and lesbians can be proud of and is an occasion that we can share with family and friends to confirm our strength and solidarity as a community. For ticket information please call 447-0661 in Sacramento or 753-0424 in Davis.

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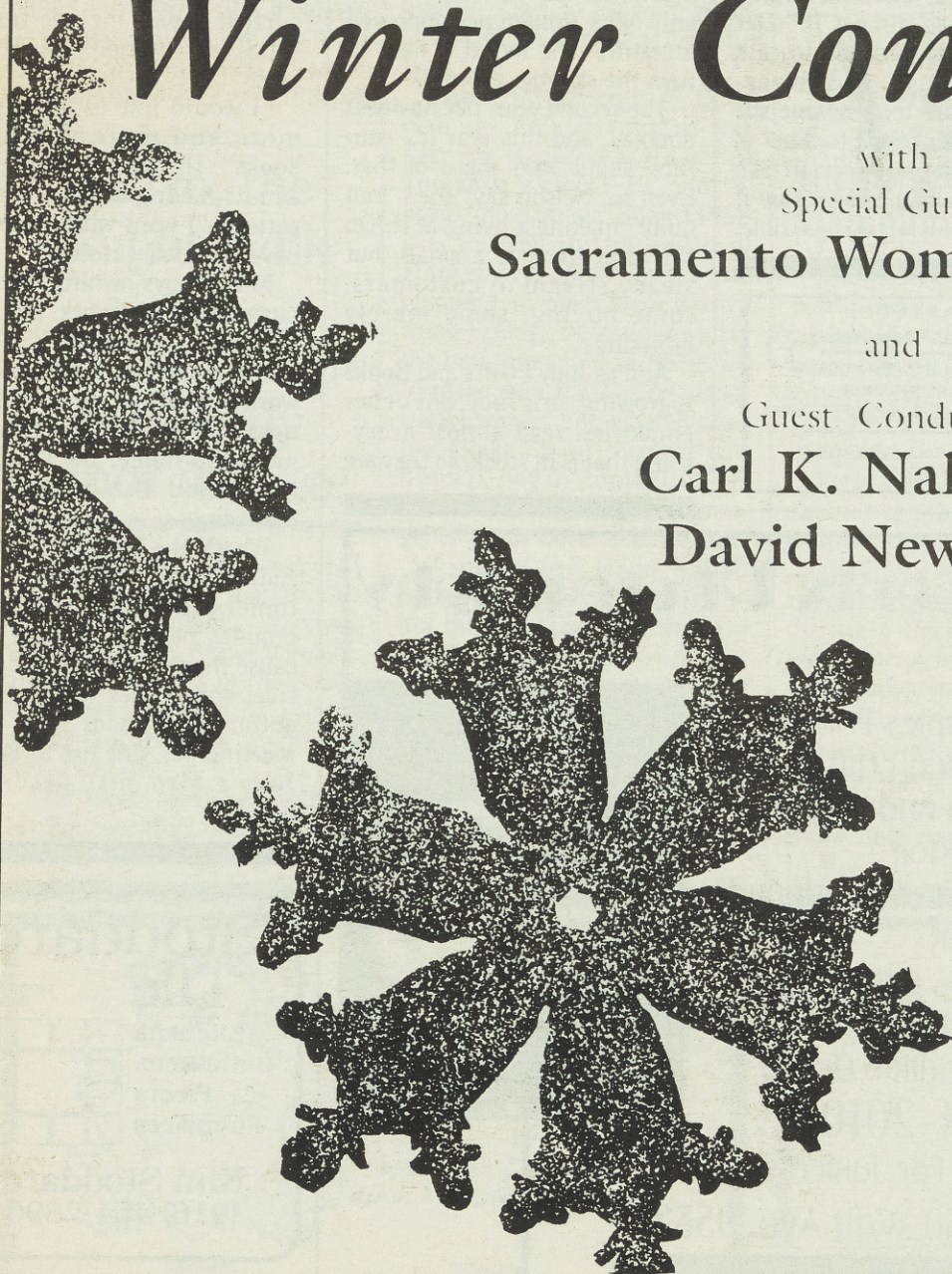
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Judy's Gift

by Jim Sechelski

"I see whole families come in," says Judy Nelson, of her store, Judy's Gifts and Books, "the whole community, Mr. and Mrs. Suburbia, blue collar workers, gays and lesbians . . . I see people wanting to do something with their lives and who know there are tools available."

Judy's Gifts and Books is the only store in Sacramento specializing in items related to 12-step recovery programs like Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Adult Children of Alcoholics, and many more.

Located at J St. and 23rd St., her store carries a wide selection of books, tapes, pamphlets, cards, jewelry, medallions, bumperstickers and more, all with the symbols, slogans and

messages of recovery from addiction and co-dependence.

In her early fifties, Nelson's short, light brown hair frames a face with an easy smile and knowing eyes. She sometimes wears glasses, and pops tic-tacs between the occasional cigarette. The confidence in her voice is quiet, but unmistakable.

Nelson's own story began in Alaska, where she was born, then moved to the Pacific North-

west, then on to high school in Tokyo before working for the phone company in San Francisco. After working for Pacific Bell for many years, she was transferred to Sacramento, to which she took an immediate dislike.

She says she complained about everything: the weather, the people, the way they dressed; she planned to return to San Francisco as soon as possible.

Though she continually put down Sacramento as a "jerkwater town," it was here that she came to face her own issues with alcohol. "I guess God kept me here until I sobered up. No matter what I did to try to get back to San Francisco, it would all fall apart." When she finally did sober up, she fell in love with Sacramento.

Nelson took early retirement from the phone company when she was 49, and began to look for a business she could operate herself.

Talking to a close friend, she told her of a dream that was "so far out of the question that I shouldn't even discuss it." Her friend encouraged her to talk about it, though, and she described a store like the one she has today. Her friend told her of one like it she had seen in San Diego, and when Nelson saw it herself, she knew it was possible.



Judy Nelson, owner of Judy's Gifts and Books.

At first she didn't know if there was enough merchandise to stock the store appropriately, but managed to fill it.

The first year in business was hard: she says only about 200 people knew the store was in town. And some AA "oldtimers" said, "Judy's just out to make a buck off AA." She took it in stride, however, and after stressing that she in no way represents Alcoholics Anonymous, which only sells Conference-approved literature, she found it easy to turn the skeptics around.

The second year, her business doubled, and this year it's running about 40% ahead of that. Even so, Nelson says she's "not quite" making a living at it. On this day, there is a small, but steady stream of customers, some buying, some merely browsing.

And as Judy's Gifts and Books is growing, so is Judy. She or her employees read almost everything that is in stock, so they are

able to advise customers, and she shows pride in the fact that she hires, "healthy, recovering people."

Nelson says she buys books for the store that people ask for, all dealing with recovery. "I specialize in subjects that people in 12-step programs are working on. I try to select books based on what is healthy, helpful material, and I try not to have sensational books." The most current topics include incest, AIDS, and emotional abuse, she says.

"I would like to grow with more and more and more books", she says brightly, but admits having difficulty being patient. "I want what I want to have and I want it now."

Nelson says owning her own business is hard work, but "I'm not afraid of hard work. I have to make a living, but I wouldn't work this hard at any other business." Things could be a lot more profitable, she says, but they could also be a lot less rewarding.

What's the biggest payoff for Judy Nelson? "I get the best customers there are," she says proudly, her eyes shining, "because they're growing and positive, sometimes hurting, but enthusiastic about life." After meeting her, one has to believe Judy's also just described herself.

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S.F. Earthquake

Victims Picking Up the Pieces

by Keith Clark

The San Francisco Bay Area continued to struggle back to its feet after the grim shock that October 17 claimed at least 270 lives, injured nearly 3,000 with 250 hospitalized, and left at least \$2 billion to \$5 billion in damage to property.

As the week wore on, the toll — both in dead and injured, and in the extent of damage — grew as much of the area limped as nearly back to normal as possible. Rescue operations along the Cypress section of the Nimitz freeway in the East Bay, where at least 250 died when sections of the upper level collapsed, continued slowly.

The death and destruction were, however, largely limited and by Thursday most of the city was beginning to get back into the swing of day-to-day living. Many businesses and agencies began evaluating the extent of damage on Friday with a few services reopening on a limited basis.

Castro, the Haight, Polk Street — survived with apparently minor damage

Most of the city's several largely gay areas — Castro, the Haight, Polk Street — survived with apparently minor damage, although portions of the South of Market area with its Folsom street leather bars and shops were hard hit.

One newly opened South of Market bar, the Lone Star, suffered extensive structural dam-

age when the 4-story apartment building where it is located developed cracks and adjacent streets and sidewalks failed. Another south of Market institution, Drummer Magazine, was devastated. Although the building Drummer owns and occupied is still standing, it appears to have sunk three to four feet in the rear and has pulled away from adjoining buildings. Drummer's J.W. Beane said, "The building is a complete loss, but we've accounted for all our employees and friends," as he busily tried to salvage what could be removed from the structure.

The AIDS Emergency Fund near the Polk street area was open for "business as usual" on Thursday, October 19, and reported no damage. Shanti Project, located in the South of Market area, was closed and planning to open on a limited basis Friday, October 20 after the building could be inspected to make sure there is no structural damage. Immediately after the quake Shanti Project volunteers began contacting its clients to make sure any emergency needs were taken care of.

Project Open Hand, which normally provides hundreds of hot meals to people with AIDS or ARC in their homes, not only continued serving its regular clients but was also delivering over a thousand additional hot meals to earthquake relief shelters in both San Francisco and Oakland by the day after the quake.

The National Gay Rights Advocates, located in the heart of the Castro district, suffered no serious damage or injuries, although one NGR volunteer who was working at home at the time of the quake was taken to the hospital when a letter-opener jammed through his hand.

One woman walking along Castro street when the quake hit was struck by a plate glass window that shattered, severing three of her fingers. She is reported to be doing well, however.

Despite national news reports that martial law had been declared here, the city in fact re-



mained generally calm throughout the calamity. With most of the region swathed in

blackness, the Castro district streets were alive with people
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Texas Gays In An Uproar

by Keith Clark

A special judicial investigator appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to review charges of anti-gay bias and discredit to the bench against state district Judge Jack Hampton.

The judicial report absolving Hampton of the complaints against him drew an immediate protest in Dallas from lesbian/gay activists as Hampton launched his re-election campaign.

Retired Judge Robert R. Murray was appointed by the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct to investigate comments made by Hampton to a reporter during a December 15 interview. Murray found that the material quoted in the Dallas Times Herald interview were accurate but concluded that Hampton "would be impartial in any case that came before him, including those involving homosexuals." In the interview, Hampton is

quoted as saying, "These homosexuals by running around on

the murder victims had "not been out there trying to spread AIDS around, they'd still be alive today."

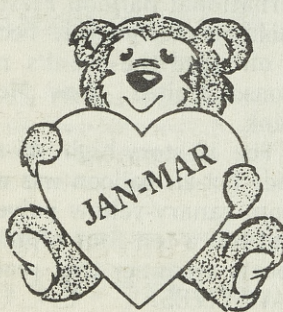
Hampton presided in the trial of Richard Lee Bednarski, then age 18, who was charged with shooting two gay men in Dallas' Reverchon Park. In the interview, Hampton also said he weighed the sexual orientation of the two victims as a mitigat-

He weighed the sexual orientation of the two victims as a mitigating factor in the case.

weekends picking up teen-age boys, they're asking for trouble. They really are. I don't much care for queers cruising the streets picking up teen-age boys... I put prostitutes and gays at about the same level. And I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute."

In the interview, Hampton was also quoted as saying that if

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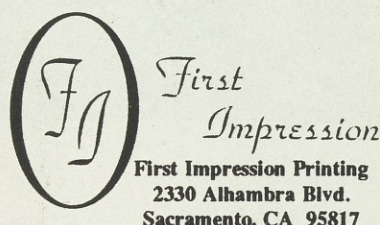
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JUDGE

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sentenced Bednarski to 30 years in prison even though he could have received a life sentence. At the time of Hampton's published remarks, a motion for a new trial had already been filed, making the case still pending.

Gay rights activists and civil libertarians were outraged by Murray's six-page report, which is not binding and makes no recommendations for action, but will be reviewed by the Commission on Judicial Conduct. Texas Human Rights Foundation attorney David Bryan, who also investigated Hampton's comments, said he was disappointed

in Murray's report. "How can (Murray) find that Hampton made all of these comments," Bryan said, "and that Hampton would be impartial in all of these cases?"

William Waybourn of the Dallas Gay Alliance said, "This is like saying, 'Yes, he was a bigot but he won't be one in the future.' We never had any faith in the judicial review commission from the beginning." The Dallas Gay Alliance has demanded Hampton's removal from office since the interview was published.

On November 2, the Alliance organized a protest at Hampton's re-election campaign kickoff. Some 30 protesters brought

two coffins representing the two murdered men outside the site of Hampton's campaign opening party, turning away a number of people headed for the event. The quickly called protest was supported by groups ranging from Lesbian Visionaries to the Dallas Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus.

The Commission on Judicial Conduct will meet November 10 to begin reviewing Murray's report on Hampton and to make its recommendations. Depending on the outcome of that Commission's decision, Waybourn said, the Dallas Gay Alliance may have to petition the Texas Supreme Court directly for Hampton's removal.

the latest
NEWS BITS

**An End to Military
Discrimination**

A draft report by a Defense Department study group says homosexuals trying to join the military have stronger qualifications and fewer problems in their backgrounds than heterosexual counterparts.

The report compares the background records of 166 gays and lesbians who entered the military and were subsequently discharged because of their sexual preference with those of 42,000 heterosexuals in the military. The report looked at school conduct records, thinking skills, adjustment to military life and substance abuse. Homosexuals performed better in all categories except drug and alcohol abuse.

"The preponderance of the evidence presented indicates that homosexuals show preserve suitability-related adjustment that is as good or better than the average heterosexual," report author Michael A. McDaniel concludes.

Sacramento Bee

**Recognized Gay
Marriage in Denmark**

Eleven gay couples were married in Town Hall in Copenhagen on Oct. 1, the day a law allowing same-sex marriages took effect.

Under the measure, married gay couples have nearly the same legal protections as married heterosexual couples, including tax advantages, inheritance rights, and the right to share a last name. However, gay couples cannot adopt children under the law.

The Advocate

**PWA Found Guilty of
Attempted Murder**

A Cobb County man infected with the AIDS virus was sentenced to ten years in prison October 20 for attempting to murder a police officer by biting him.

Scroggins testified, however, that he only bit Crook to make the officer release a "chokehold" that was blocking his air supply. Crook testified that a Cobb County nurse later told him that Scroggins had told her that he had intended to infect Crook with the AIDS virus. Scroggins steadfastly denies this charge.

Scroggins attorney, Gregory Schroeder, immediately vowed to appeal the decision.

Southern Voice

**Lesbians Sue for
Insurance Benefits**

National Gay Rights Advocates filed a petition on October 12th in a Wisconsin Superior Court to obtain health insurance benefits for the lesbian partner of a state employee. Jerri Lynn Phillips, a Wisconsin State employee attempted to add her life partner, Lorri Tommerup to her group health plan. Phillips request was denied because the two women were not legally married.

NGRA staff attorney, Cynthia Goldstein explained that Wisconsin has a statute barring discrimination based on an employee's marital status and sexual orientation.

"Wisconsin's anti-discrimination law is meaningless if Jerri Lynn and Lorri are denied employee benefits afforded to heterosexual couples," said Goldstein. "Equal access to fam-

ily benefits is central to equal treatment."

NGRA Press Release

**Gay Organizations
Listing**

Pacific Bell agreed October 16 to a proposal by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area chapter (GLAAD/SFBA) to establish "Gay and Lesbian Organizations" category in Yellow Page Directories throughout California and Nevada.

The decision by Pacific Bell becomes effective on all Yellow Page Sales Campaigns on or after November 13, 1989, with Los Altos, Monterey, and Palo Alto in northern California and Imperial, San Diego North Coastal, and San Diego North Inland in southern California being the first directories in which the "Gay and Lesbian Organization" category will be offered. Those groups who wish to be listed in the gay and lesbian category must contact their local Pacific Bell Yellow Pages Sales Office.

GLAAD Press Release

**Condom Hot Air
Balloon Deflated**

The world's only condom that holds a certificate of airworthiness didn't fly at this year's International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, possibly because it offended the event's main sponsor, United New Mexico Bank.

The 12-story-high, 45-foot-wide hot-air balloon was made from canary-yellow polyester and has a ten-foot nipple. It sports a banner that reads, I SAVE LIVES.

The Advocate



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MIND & BODY

Recovery With a Higher Power

by Tom R.

The second step of 12 step programs says; we came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. What exactly is a power greater than ourselves, is it God, is it the Goddess, what is the "Higher Power" as it is often referred to in 12 step meetings?

The third step says; we made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand God. The key is in the third step, as we (I) understand God. Although it seems

a place, solid or abstract there are no rules!

Having realized the God I knew, I feared, I wanted to let that God go. Enter new God, I want my God to be spirit, sort of

I remembered that part of recovery is letting go of the need for approval.

clear to me now I had a struggle with the God concept. There is no right God. It is each individuals concept, feeling or thought of what God is to them. The only God I had been taught about in the past was spying, angry, judgmental, exclusive God who was keeping track of my sins on a scoreboard. By the standards of that God I was getting so close to Hell that I could already feel the heat. So I had to do some thinking and soul searching to find out what a power greater than myself meant to me, what I wanted a power greater than myself to be and what to call it?

In the Star Wars movies, they often use the phrase "may the force be with you" is the force a power greater than themselves that can keep them safe? In the movie Shirley Valentine she has terrific conversations with a wall in her kitchen, is this wall a power greater than herself than can help to keep her sane. A higher power can be anything, an idea, a feeling, a wall, a rock,

like wind, touching and embracing and flowing, I want it to be genderless neither male or female and yet both male and

female.

I want it to be loving and understanding, warm, nonjudgmental and supportive. I did not

God is my friend and the source of my sanity and of my recovery.

want my God to be the God of religion and I wanted it to be anyones friend and especially mine. Now to choose a name, Higher Power. Infinite Spirit, God? For me the name of God befits the power. I thought about what people would think when I talked about God and used that name then I remembered that part of recovery is letting go of the need for approval.

So where I am at with all of this now is that God is my friend

and the source of my sanity and of my recovery. If your God is not your friend then maybe you could find a new one or change your perceptions of the one you have, there are no rules.

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Illness or Alcohol?

by Lynn McNeal D.C.

The use or abuse of alcohol and other drugs is a subject often overlooked by both patients and their doctors. They very often see it as an unrelated condition when seeking help for a particular problem.

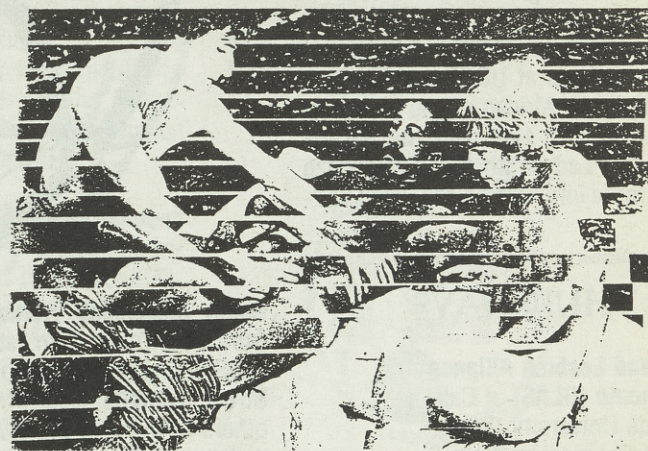
One of the things doctors are remiss in is making substance abuse an integral part of their questionnaire and case history work-up.

One of the hallmarks of a substance abuser is that of denial. It is hard enough to admit the problem to oneself, let alone a doctor who is not asking the per-

tinent questions. But alcohol and other drugs, when chronically overused, can be the "great mimics" of other conditions. The patient and the doctor can easily end up "chasing their tails" in trying to determine the cause of a patient's complaint.

Alcoholism, for example, Continued on page 14

Alcohol & drugs can give you more



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PLAN-IT

November

15 wednesday

Healthwatch: Update on HIV treatments with Bary Siegel, M.D. will be held at the Lambda Community Center, 7-9 p.m. The latest information on available HIV treatments, their pros and cons, will be shared. A unique opportunity to learn more about fighting HIV. Call Joe Chase at 448-2437 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

Being Gay Today video program re-broadcast on channel 47, 12 noon.

16 thursday

Grammy award-winning South African ensemble to perform at UC Davis. The rich heritage of South African music comes to UC Davis Freeborn Hall with the performance of the Ladysmith Black Mambazo choir. For more information call (916) 752-2523.

THURSDAYS

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Sacramento (GLAS) at California State University, Sacramento regular meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.. For more information contact GLAS at 485-4531.

Gay Mens Volleyball sponsored by the Sacramento Volleyball Association. 7-10 p.m. at Sacramento City College in the women's gym. Admission \$1.

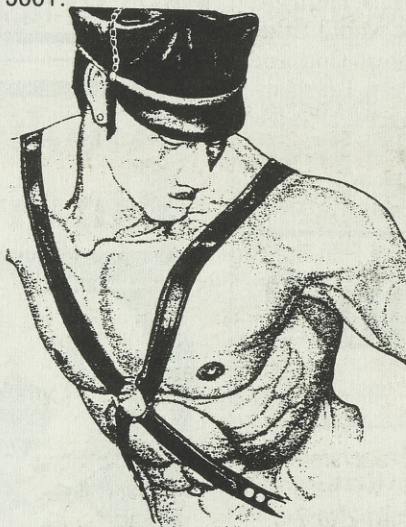
17 friday

FRIDAYS

Gay Youth Rap Group for those under 21. Lambda center, 5:30 p.m. Call 442-0185 for more info.

18 saturday

The Mr. Leather Sacramento Contest. The Sacramento Leather Association proudly presents the first annual contest at Joseph's Town and Country located at 2062 Auburn Blvd. The contest starts at 9 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. For Contest/Entry information call 921-1466 or 927-5861.



Buddy Connection Workshop will be held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation training space at 1900 K Street, upstairs. Learn from sharing with others how sex in the face of AIDS can be exciting, sensual and safe. For more information contact Joe Chase at (916) 448-2437.



LUST AND PITY, a comedy about women and obsessive love will play at Theatre Rhinoceros located at 2926 16th Street in San Francisco til December 16th. The contemporary play is a comedy about women on the make, dressed up and destined to be controversial. For more information contact Theatre Rhinoceros at (415) 861-5079.

'Images of Reality, Images of Arcadia: 17th Century Netherlandish Paintings from Swiss Collections' will be on exhibition at the Crocker Art Museum. For more information call (916) 449-5423.

Dianne Davidson and her hot rock and roll band will perform at the Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex. The performance and cabaret show will be held from 8-11 p.m. with social hour at 7 p.m.. Hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a no host bar. For more information call (916) 486-8985.



20 monday

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will meet and discuss the topic of the evening "How Parents Respond To The News". The meeting will be held in the Westminster Room of the Fremont Presbyterian Church located at 5770 Carlson Blvd. For more information call (916) 444-9510.

MONDAYS

Women's Rap and Social meets at 7 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information contact the Lambda Community Center at 442-0185 or Laura at 682-5481.

Being Gay Today video program on channel 47, 10 p.m.

19 sunday

'Country Western Wrestlers' at Faces. For details call (916) 448-7798.

Spokeswomyn, a lesbian bicycling club is planning a bike run along the river starting at 10 a.m. For more information call 447-6270 or write P.O. Box 162784, Sacramento, CA. 95816.

'Gays & Lesbians for Animal Rights' will have its initial meeting at 2 p.m. and plans to meet monthly. The group will discuss animal and environmental issues and what can be done to help. For more information call (916) 486-4424.



Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats and Musicians will bring their death-defying brand of entertainment to California State University, Sacramento in the south gym. The performance will feature acts based on 2,000 years of ancient Chinese tradition, including magic, comedy, Kung-Fu, ballet and circus events. For more information call (916) 278-6595.

23 thursday



Community Thanksgiving Potluck will be held at 'Partners' located at 24th Street and 2nd Avenue. Potluck will be at 3 p.m. and participants are asked to bring a dish.

Thanksgiving at the Town House with dinner served from 3-8 p.m. Price is \$10.95 per person.

24 friday

Artist's Christmas Fair in Nevada City to be held at the Elk's Lodge & Oddfellows Hall. For more information call (916) 265-2692.

Pillars, a gay social and networking organization invites the community to a Thanksgiving feast to be held at the Sierra Inn. Toys and canned goods for the MCC holiday baskets is requested. Tickets are \$14 each with no-host cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations call (916) 455-1771.

Roy Bogas, pianist will perform with the Sacramento Symphony with Carter Nice as conductor at the Community Center Theater located at 14th and L Streets. For more information call (916) 649-0200.



25 saturday

The Sacramento Gender Association Support Group for transvestites and transsexuals meets. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at Josephs Town and Country located at 2062 Auburn Blvd. For more information call 441-8379 or write S.G.A., P.O. Box 417701, Sacramento, CA. 95841.

Weinstock's & KCRA TV Santa Parade near the State Capitol. For more information call (916) 449-2415.



26 sunday

'Bound & Determined', a lesbian S/M support group will discuss the psychological aspects of S/M. For information and location call (916) 456-8649 or write P.O. Box 5014, Sacramento, CA. 95817.

27 monday

Women's Rap & Social will meet at the Lambda Community Center from 7 - 9 p.m. with an open rap group forum. For more information call (916) 442-0185 or Laura at (916) 682-5481.

29 wednesday

For Yourself: A six-week support group for women. Cost = \$95. For more information/registration contact Kate Guzman, L.C.S.W. at 447-0350.

'Outlook Lesbian/Gay Video Show' will feature Morris Knight, an activist well known and respected for his contributions to the gay rights movement, before and after Stonewall. Cable Channel 47 at 10:30 p.m.

30 thursday

Kings vs. L.A. Lakers at the Arco Sports Complex. For ticket information phone (916) 928-6900.



December

2 saturday

A workshop for women survivors of childhood sexual abuse facilitated by Louise Wisechild at Lioness Books, 10 a.m. 4:30 p.m., \$60. - \$90. sliding scale. Call for more info. 442-4657.

Scrooge (A Christmas Carol) will be performed by The Davis Musical Theatre Company Saturday afternoons and Friday evenings. Tickets are \$5 each. The popular Christmas story will be performed by children and young adults. For more information call (916) 756-3682.

Richard Montoya: "Cobalt Youth"; a one-act play about AIDS and its impact on the Latino community will be performed at Luna's Cafe located at 1414 16th Street. For more information call (916) 441-3931.

4 monday

'Grupo Latino', HIV + Support Group for persons living with and affected by HIV will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the SAF offices, Suite 200. For more information call Robert Garcia at (916) 448-2437.



5 tuesday

TUESDAYS

Heart to Heart meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation training space, 1900 K Street, upstairs. A gay/bisexual men's support group promoting healthy choices and personal growth. For more information, contact the SAF at 448-2437.

8 friday

The Sacramento Craft Festival at the Community Convention Center. For more information call (206) 676-9741.

The Sacramento Men's Chorus present their 5th Annual Winter Concert to be held at the First United Methodist Church located at 21st and J streets. Concert time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. For more information and tickets call (916) 485-7960.

9 saturday

Lioness Books 7th Annual Crafts Faire. Hours, Saturday 12 - 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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10 sunday

The 2nd annual Christmas Ball at Faces. "A Disney Country Christmas" from 6 - 11 p.m. Formal attire required. For more information call (916) 448-7798.

'Crocker Celebrates the Season' presented by the Crocker Art Museum, an annual family holiday event. The program will begin with mayor Anne Rudin lighting the Crocker Holiday Tree. Following the tree lighting, there will be a full program of multi-cultural performances. For more information call (916) 449-5423.

SACWN (Sacramento Area Career Womens Network) will hold their 3rd Annual Holiday Party from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Rancho Arroyo Sports Complex. The festivities will include the Sacramento's Men's Chorus, The Sacramento Women's Chorus and D.J. Jo Tierney. SACWN extends a special invitation to gay male friends in the community to come and share in the holiday spirit. For more information call (916) 486-8985.



12 tuesday

Couples Communication Workshop: Going for Win - Win, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$35.00 per couple. Contact Kate Guzman L.C.S.W. at 447-0350.

The Nutcracker Ballet will be performed in San Francisco by the world-renowned San Francisco Ballet. For more information call (415) 553-4668.



16 saturday

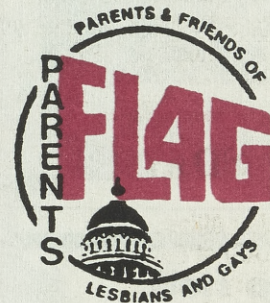
The singing duo 'Romanovsky & Phillips' will perform at the Crest Theatre courtesy of Progressive Praise Productions. The two men have carved themselves a niche in the alternative music industry by singing about their lives as gay men with unprecedented honesty and an outrageous sense of humor. For ticket information call 446-6490 or Chuck Vickers at 395-1663.

17 sunday

Barbara Disney formal Xmas Party at Partner's located at 2676 24th St. Doors open at 7 p.m. with buffet at 8 p.m. For more information call (916) 739-1850.

18 monday

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19 tuesday

Starlight Express, the West Coast Premiere presented by the Sacramento Light Opera Associations Music Circus, a part of the winter season at the Sacramento Community Center located at 14th and L streets. A high energy, high tech extravaganza of light, music and motion by Andrew L. Webber. For more information call (916) 441-3163.



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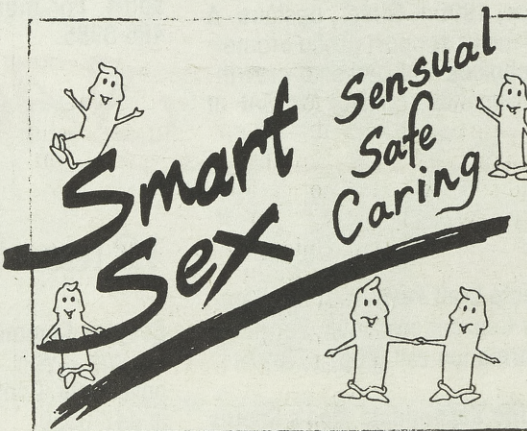
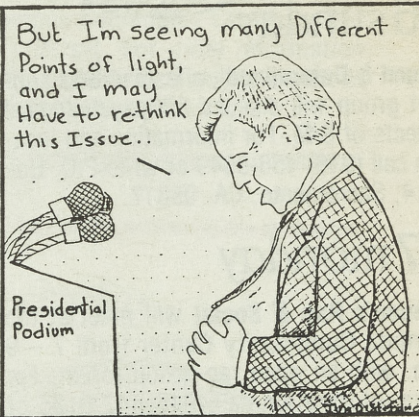
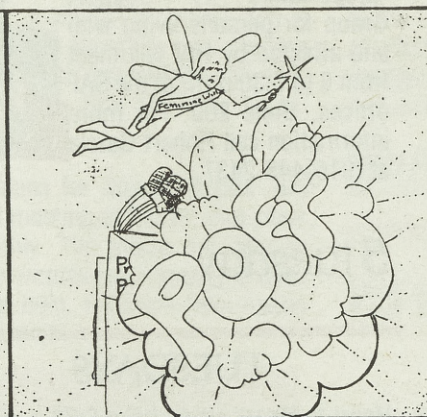
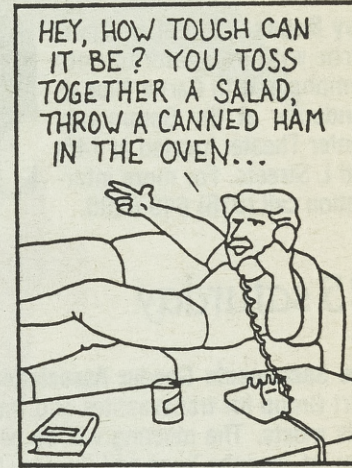
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Cartoon Winners

The latest ISSUE is proud to announce that Dale Zeitler is the winner of the 1989 cartoon contest. Dale will be featured as the latest ISSUE's staff cartoonist.

On November 7, members of the ISSUE advisory board, Marsha Oritt, Ken Topper, Lou Camera, Ralph Leon and Jolanne Tierney, voted on the cartoons with the criteria of: style, content, and funniness. As you can see the advisors had a difficult time choosing the 1st place winner with all of the talented cartoonists represented.

Each of the cartoonists will receive a gift subscription to the latest ISSUE and an open invitation to continue submitting their work for inclusion in this monthly publication. Special thanks to all of the talented people who submitted cartoons. Dirk Vanden, Michelle Annette, Jim DeStefano, Martin Casey, Katherine Fox and Dale Zeitler.



bar talk & NIGHT LIFE

Mr. Leather Sacramento

Local Leathermen Strut

by P.J. Dunker

It's a Saturday night. The place is packed with leather clad bodies from wall to wall. If that's something you'd like to witness, then it's a sure bet you'll want to be there for the Mr. Leather Sacramento 1990 Contest on Saturday, November 18th, 8 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country.

This landmark event will be a star studded affair with Jason Ladd, Mr. San Francisco Leather Daddy 1988 emceeing, and appearances by Mr. International Leather 1988, Michael Pereyra, Mr. Nor' Cal' Drummer, Steve Patten, Mr. Fresno Leather 1989, Ric Lewis, Sergeant at Arms of S.L.U.G., Steve Lesh, and, of course, Mr. S. Leathers, himself, Alan Selby. But more than just the names mark this event as especially significant. It is also the first of its kind. It is

sponsored and sanctioned by the Sacramento Leather Association.

This is definitely an event not to be missed.

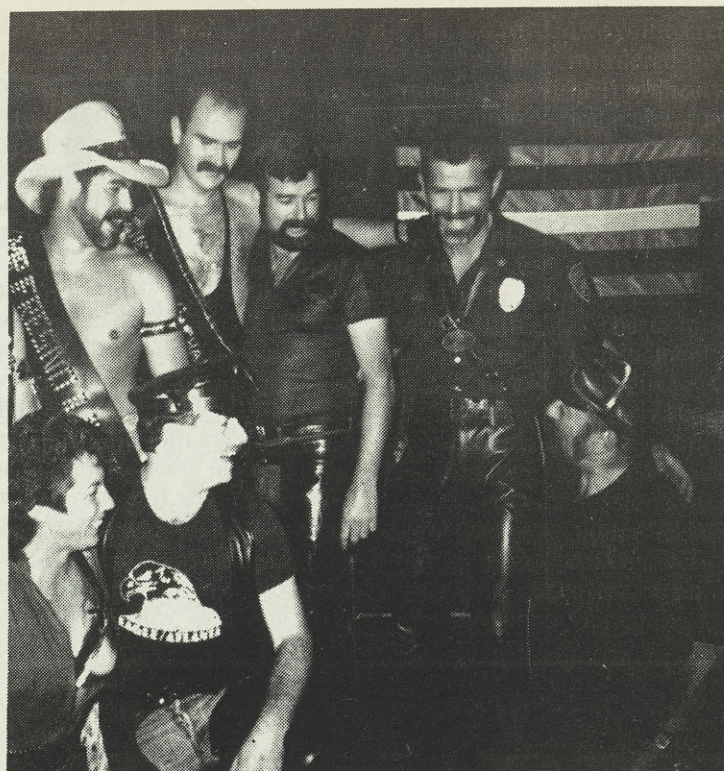
tion, a group newly formed this year. The title Mr. Leather Sac-

ramento is protected by this group and cannot be legally used except by the SLA.

The SLA was formed to unite the leather community in Sacramento through promoting contests like this one that create figureheads for the community to band around. The title holders are required to promote benefits for a spectrum of charities, to educate the public about the leather lifestyle, to promote a positive image of leather and to volunteer their presence at other functions promoting a similar or an urgent cause.

Fifty percent of the proceeds from the Mr. Leather Sacramento 1990 Contest will be donated to one or more charities by the SLA. The admission cost for the event is \$5.

The contest itself consists of three parts; an introduction, a revealing wear exhibition, and a full-dress leather exhibition during which a question and an-



Eddie Cunningham

The leathermen and women keep the fun going.

swer session with the judges takes place. The judging panel consists of five distinguished leathermen/leatherwomen, one of whom is a Ms. Leather Sacramento. There will be leather

fantasies and other entertainment included as part of the show. This is definitely an event not to be missed.

If you want to be a contestant call (916) 927-5861.

the latest DISH from la Kish

Well, you lovely darhhh... lings, I'm back from a very bad case of "water gain" & I don't mean the vodka presses... being at the "ranch" is extremely healthy.

The abundance of real sleep, the exquisite taste of one's buds, (mashed potatoes & assortments) the reality of maddening HBO (T.V.) and my beautiful loins exposed to the nearest magazine (G.Q.). Let me tell you what happened to get me to the ranch.

One night I woke up screaming like a hysterical virgin in raging heat, soon the ambulance arrives, lights flashing like a movie premiere at Chinese Gramanns Theatre, my non-mascara eyes pleading (do you have any drugs) and away we go towards new horizons. Company arrives (Emperor Paul),

next to little me, poor child she/he's pushing some ugly age of no return, real o.d.ed, a harness gets installed upon my funny body, more drugs pushed, a whip is received by me because I've never seen de Havilland do "The Snake Pit" so well. Now, I have a roommate who doesn't speak english, he speaks to me with his own tubes, 3 days of delicious jello, nothing but liquids and I have "him" running wild in the night with the plastic bottle (got the message?). I'm suppose to gain weight and so how does one gain on liquids, new invention for corpuscles.

One night in my unconscious mind of heaving lust I dreamt Underwood was making passionate love to me on my bed with the "nurse" glaring at my pointed toes, Willie kisses my unpainted lips, (real glamour) my private dancer arrives (Steve) to expose new dancing technics (much salome) the lovers arrive with the beautiful framed Hayworth, ferns via son Doug, Emperors & Empresses via limosines of fame, telegrams from over the world, thank you

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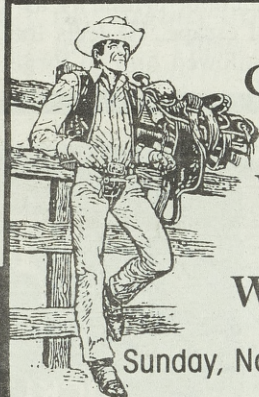
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DRUGS

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major contributing culprit is internalized homophobia. Self-hatred and a general lack of acceptance of one's self can cause inner conflict that can be quieted, for some, only with alcohol.

The effects of cultural chastisement, fear of exposure, religious denouncement, and family contempt can combine to create a subconscious feeling of inferiority in gays that can contribute to alcohol and drug abuse. According to de la Haye, even gays who believe they have achieved total acceptance of themselves, may discover after a period of sobriety that alcohol acted as an anesthetic, hiding their true feelings of self-doubt.

Kevin, who has been sober for over four and one-half years, agrees that internalized lack of acceptance contributed to his alcoholism. Reflecting back over the first signs of alcohol abuse

in his life, Kevin recalls that his drinking began at an age when he was concerned about feeling different from others. "Although 'self-hatred' may be too strong a term, society's oppression led to a self-oppression that became very destructive in my life."

"Michelle," on the other hand, disagrees with de la Haye's conclusion. She believes that most people have a capacity for alcoholism if they drink enough, and gays are more likely to consume large amounts of alcohol because of the tendency to congregate in bars. After nearly four years of sobriety, Michelle says, "I have discovered no signs that my problems with alcohol and drugs stemmed from any discomfort with myself as a gay person. In fact, the general acceptance of clean and sober people in the gay community, has made it easier to maintain my sobriety." She points to the fact that the San Francisco gay parade, once considered the wildest party of the year, now has as its largest marching contingent the clean and sober group.

"Tony" who is HIV positive and has just achieved two months of sobriety, feels that he abused alcohol primarily as a means of escape. He feels that alcohol allowed him to forget

his own mortality. Lack of acceptance by society and by members of his family is always in the back of his mind, Tony says, and also contributed to his alcoholism.

Because lack of self-acceptance can be a major contributing factor to the development of alcoholism in gays, de la Haye points out that recovery programs must be developed that will allow gays to deal openly and comfortably with their internalized self-doubt. For only if people are able to be completely honest about the reasons for their alcohol abuse, will they be able to conquer the illness and begin recovery.

In Sacramento, gay A.A. groups meet regularly at North Hall and at Clunie Clubhouse at McKinley Park. Heritage Oaks Hospital also offers a program exclusively for gays.

Many recovering alcoholics have found joining a gay group to be beneficial in learning self-acceptance, a crucial tool. For, as de la Haye aptly points out, without accepting one's gay self as positive, sobriety will be difficult to maintain. And if sobriety is not maintained, drinking will continue, and death will eventually result. Therefore, in a very literal sense accepting one's gay self is a matter of life and death.

NORTH HALL

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heterosexuals said the women were being separatists in their approach of Alcoholics Anonymous. The women forged ahead and were forced to reveal both their sexual preferences and addictions on a public level in order to insure that the concept of a gay/lesbian meeting place at North Hall would become a reality. A formal proposal was made to the Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous of Sacramento on establishing North Hall as an official meeting place for gays and lesbians in the Sacramento area. The Central Office was unsure on how to proceed on the matter and forwarded the proposal to the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service Office in New York City for the final decision. The decision was in favor of establishing North Hall as an officially sanctioned meeting place.

Since those early meetings held every Friday evening by the four women, North Hall's membership has grown substantially. Quarterly potluck and guest speaker meetings in the past have drawn up to two hundred people. Those involved with North Hall pride themselves in the fact that they have carried their own weight from those early beginnings. Rent dues are paid to Metropolitan Community Church for the accommodating space through the voluntary contributions of North Hall members. North Hall is a vital part of Alcoholics Anonymous on both the local and national level in carrying the message to other alcoholics.

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leads to a host of side effects not associated with it. Chronic cluster headaches may be caused by alcohol's tendency to dilate and irritate blood vessels in the brain and surrounding tissues. This can mimic the effects of food or environmental allergens, orthopedic problems, emotional difficulties. All the chiropractic treatments, counseling or allergy medication available may simply miss the mark.

Heart palpitations, or momentary arrhythmias, caused by excessive alcohol and other drugs. They can be mistaken for myocarditis (inflammation of the heart), an overactive thyroid, or lung disease.

There are a host of other examples of substance - induced side effects that are suspected to be something else entirely: Depression, urinary problems, infertility, laryngitis, forgetfulness, pancreatitis, trigger point and low back pain.

It is important to keep in mind that while substance abuse can lead to side effects that mimic serious conditions of unknown cause, it can also lead to the full expression of certain diseases if not curtailed. That is, without honesty between the patient and doctor, not only will the true cause of the problem go undetected, but it may set the scene for more serious conditions. Be honest with your health practitioner, have enough trust to open up, and let him or her help you.

Dr. Lynn McNeal is a chiropractor at 3671 J Street, Sacramento. You can contact her at 452-9461.

EARTHQUAKE

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out and about within hours of the 5:04 p.m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday quake and by nightfall the streets were crowded with residents out comparing quake stories with friends, neighbors and total strangers - often literally strangers in the dark.

In the heart of the Castro district, the Walgreens drug store at 18th and Castro streets stayed open and was giving away free batteries to area residents caught unprepared. Several popular women's bars were reportedly shuttling lesbians within hours of the quake to bloodbanks throughout the city to give blood.



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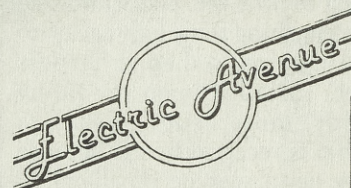
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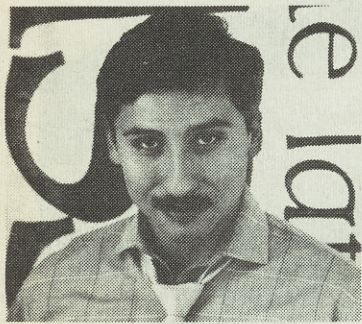
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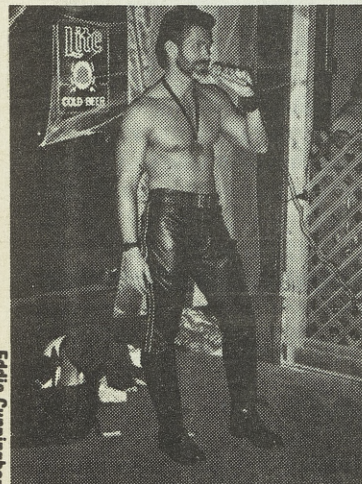
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RUMOR HAS IT



by Dan Palomino

As our fair city awaits the frantic madness of the holidays, it seems our community has been "warming up" by treating itself to a social whirl of concerts, parties, and 'other entertainment'. * A center of taste and information is the Gifted Gardener on J St. co-proprietor Chuk Lowry, our community's answer to the dancer Patrick Swayze and dance captain of the SMC "Entourage" Dance Ensemble revealed that this new group will perform numbers from the edge of sleazy to the sublime in the upcoming Sacramento Mens Chorus Winter Concert sponsored by the latest ISSUE. Stop by the store for an incredible selection of beautiful gifts and enjoy a cup of tea. If you tell them Louella Parsons sent you, they've promised to take 10% off the purchase price. * Being safe is a never ending issue. It's great to see the Townhouse, Joseph's and Faces with adequate outside lighting and security. Thanks! Lets hope remaining watering holes follow suit. * Fearsome looking leathermen I wouldn't want to meet in a dark alley (nice fantasy for some) were among the packed mob of leatherwomen and men at the Sacramento Leather Assoc. Beerbust held at the Buffalo



Eddie Cunningham

Club. On hand to give me bartending lessons was Mr. Drummer '90, Brian Dawson while around us swarmed numerous claimants to the title of "his Royal Beefiness." * Across town

that night, Progressive Praise Productions hosted dynamic singer Aldo Bell at Josephs. Both events raised hundreds of dollars to charities. Mark your calendar for the next Progressive Praise Production featuring professional homosexuals - Romanovsky and Phillips Dec. 16 at the Crest Theatre. * October 14 saw frenzied partying! While the Sacramento Leather Assoc. held a potluck at the Lambda Center, Sacramento hostesses with the mostesses Mary C. and Corky S. threw a fabulous party designed to promote friendship and socializing between the sexes. While it's a great concept, this fledgling yet successful group needs a catchy name. Any suggestions readers? * Not to be outdone, SMC member Mike T. hosted a Wild OctoberFest Party in which chorus members indulged their passion for hot sausage by swallowing 20 pounds of the stuff! * Hats off to Pat Simons and Brad Lizst for engineering Halloween's Hottest Party - the Hellfire Ball. It was a memorable event with



Joey B. humping an old hag?, the milk glass licking the center of the Oreo cookie, and moi fighting with rival columnists Ann Landers and Dear Abby and running them out of town. Special Thanks to Sponsor Linda



Birner and MGW for their continual support and best wishes to Linda's upcoming holiday events. * Happy belated birthday wishes from the latest ISSUE's Kevin Cohee to Mod and also Shawn of San Diego with special B-Day smooches to Kevin's partner and raging scorio, Ed. * In keeping with this

month's theme of drug and alcohol awareness, CONGRATS to Steve S. on his 11th sober B-Day. * I was recently called on by Jerry Pryde, truent officer for the reformation of bad spellers. It seems a typo the last issue had changed his name to Prude. This notorious character is anything but a prude and I've got the story to prove it! Anyway, two pardons. * Attention: The Sacto leather community and friends are invited to the first Mr. Leather Sacramento on Nov 18 at Joseph's - a hot time is promised. * Speaking of which, Bon



Voyage to Michael Patterson who's on a tour of Europe's leather scene. Hope he takes lots of pictures. * Good luck to Earthquake survivor Richard Swerdlow from his Sacto friends - we love you! * I received some feedback from readers over my picture in our last issue. You're right, even my dog cringed! The latest ISSUE staff has been instructed never to run any more pix of me after 4 hours of sleep and a bad hangover precipitated by the 'other columnist' Hedda Hopper (John Batchelor) who insisted this lightweight go out on the town with her. I am obliged to heap accolades on Hedda after her scene stealing performance as a wicked step-sister in the Sacto Ballet's Cinderella on Nov 3 and 4. While remarking she had never looked so good in years, it was pointed

out she was wearing an inch of make up and was resorting to 'patch kit in a drum' for those light touch jobs. May I suggest she apply it daily? * The upcoming Thanksgiving holiday is a time to enjoy our blessings and our friends. Serving a sumptuous Thanksgiving Dinner is Partners restaurant, and the Townhouse. A place to go for hearty feasting of turkey and trimmings is the Metropolitan Community Church annual dinner Nov 19 at 34th and Broadway. It's served with Love as a main course. * Pearls of Wisdom: on a recent sermon as reported in MCC's newsletter, Rev. Freda Smith commented, "One can't become a christian by simply sitting in a church anymore than I can become a car just be sitting in my garage". * Your presence is requested on Nov 20th for the 6th Annual Lambda Awards Dinner at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. It will feature great entertainment and Dr. Virginia Uribe as guest speaker. * Pillars meets Nov 24 - "no turkey on the menu" Lou Camera assured me. Their Dec. 8 Christmas party will honor

Larry Kellog, Richard Boriolo, and Ed Condon with community service awards. Tix are \$15.00. For proper or flashy holiday party duds, why not check out Decades on Del Paso Blvd. You can rent any ensemble to fit your mood or the occasion. If you want your hair at its best for the holidays, run, don't walk to multi-talented Harlan Harrington who's been credited with working wonders with his client's hairstyles - and at a fair price too! Located at 1614 22nd St. Call 446-4124 for 20% off your first cut. * A must attend is the Sacto Mens Chorus Winter Concert Dec. 8 and 9 at the First United Methodist Church, 21st and J Street. The Sacto Womens Chorus will be special guests. Show your support for this outstanding group while enjoying music ranging from classical to the irreverent and humorous. Tickets are \$8, \$6 tickets are available to student and senior citizens. Keep an eye out for posters and further advertisements for info or call 485-7960. * Have a happy Thanksgiving and see you at the Winter Concert. Danny

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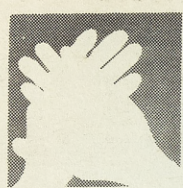
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ENTERTAINMENT

Dealt the "Queen of Hearts"

by Chris Gerald

You sense that something is out of place as the film quietly rolls for the opening scenes of "Queen of Hearts." There is no dialogue and the emotions displayed as young Rosa (Anita Zagaria) pines away at the window at her true love, Danilo (Joseph Long) are so close to grand opera, they border on camp.

Rosa refuses to marry the man she has promised to, the proud Barbariccia (Vittorio Amandola). Rosa runs from the room as Barbariccia offers her mother the dowry, bolts her door and flings herself crying onto her bed. But just as Barbariccia breaks down the door, a face appears at the window. It is Danilo, and the two young lovers flee over the rooftops of their

small Italian village.

It is startling at first to watch these grand gestures without any dialogue, until we hear the voice-over of a young English schoolboy as he states, "And that's how my father and my mother got married." The voice belongs to ten-year-old Eddie (Ian Hawkes), youngest of the children born to Danilo and Rosa after their emigration to

England years before.

A few years earlier, when Eddie was no more than a toddler, his father, a sometime gambler, had a vision. He played his cards right and the family was able to open The Lucky Cafe. Until that is, Barbariccia shows up, seeking revenge for what had been promised and taken from him twenty years earlier.

"Queens of Hearts" is a rich and richly-rewarding comedy full of the warmth of the Italian people. At first it seemed the movie was full of too many styles, at times it was too jarring. But when one realizes that it is not really ten-year-old Eddie's view, but an adult Eddie who realizes the time spent in a cozy restaurant serving cappuccino, everything falls into place.

★★★★



Beetle and Eddie of Queen of Hearts.

Dam) announces his retirement to a stunned audience in London. Amid rumors, he settles into a country life to devote himself to one pupil, eighteen-year-old Sophie (Anne Roussel). Eventually Dallayrac encounters a young pickpocket, Jean (Philippe Volter), singing in the marketplace. Seeing Jean's potential, he takes him on as his second pupil. This film from



The Music Teacher.

Belgium (in French with English subtitles), nominated for an Academy Award, has no soul, much less heart. We follow the sophomore script as it takes Dallayrac's students to a predictable competition hosted by Prince Scotti (Patrick Bauchau), a man who lost his voice in competition with Dallayrac

twenty years before. Guess what happens next. ⚡

The Fabulous Baker Boys

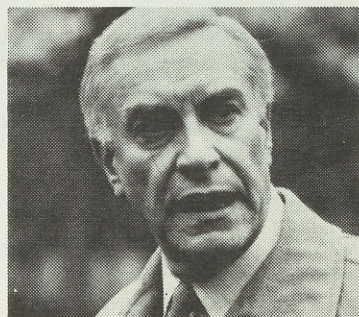
The concept sounds great. Take two aging brothers, a piano duo playing mediocre clubs, add a sultry bond vocalist, one who just happens to be an ex-hooker, to spice up the act and watch the tension build. Next cast the equally talented Beau and Jeff Bridges as the brothers and the striking Michelle Pfeiffer as the chanteuse and how can you miss? Maybe by allowing Steve Koves to direct his own screenplay, one that is full of dumb dialogue, at a tedious pace. It's a good way to miss by a mile. The cast is excellent but cannot save a drippy script shot full of holes. Beau is the family man, and yet even when Jeff visits him at home, we never see his family. Pfeiffer has a beautiful voice, and yet why does her character wait until now to try her hand at a singing career? Jeff is sullen, self-centered and a talented but frustrated jazzman. It seems out-of-character that this selfish man would stick with his brother in a half-baked lounge act for fifteen years. ⚡

FILM CLIPS

Crimes and Misdemeanors

Woody Allen is in top form as her writes and directs his 19th film. Allen has kept two plotlines distinct as he merges his comedic and serious styles until they blend nicely together in the ending. Successful Judah Rosenthal (Martin Landau) has everything, a solid practice, a beautiful family and a loving mistress. When the mistress (Anjelica Huston) turns demanding and unstable, Judah turns to his brother Jack (Jerry Orbach), a career criminal. In a

parallel story, Allen plays a frustrated documentary filmmaker, trapped in an unhappy marriage, jealous of his brother-in-law (Alan Alda, who's perfect), a



Martin Landau.

- ★★★★ Must see
- ★★★★ Excellent
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ O.K.
- ★ Poor

schlock television producer fond of quoting himself. There is a lot to assimilate in Allen's intelligent script. The message, that the rich and powerful can get away with murder while the poor schmucks suffer constantly the misdemeanors of life, is not new and is the film's only flaw.

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by Jean Richey

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

The path is clear to move forward to new plans, new ideas and new people. Allow the past to be in its proper perspective. A renewed sense of commitment toward existing plans/or decisions can feel like a homecoming. Trust in your process here. A new group of friends is forming in your life.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Direct and honest communication with others will work wonders. A major breakthrough in the area of personal attachments/or joint finances is brewing. It is time to act upon your thoughts and intuitions. A tendency to get hung up in the thrill of analysis can hinder your progress/insight. The message is ongoing. Let go gracefully.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Movement, restlessness and speed . . . thinking about buying a new car? Has your routine become humdrum? Time to initiate positive changes in your daily routine. Plans with friends/or partner may be unstable during this cycle. Cooperation can be a very effective attitude to take now. Negative habits that are undermining your health/well-being need to go.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Personal creativity is at high cycle. Release through physical activity will help balance and ground your potentially explosive energies. A power struggle with another is designed for you to take a look at your own participation/behavior. Conflict/or breakthrough will arise in intimacy in measure to degree of personal awareness.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

Have you checked the plumbing in your home lately? It is time to remove the debris in clogged up drains in your home/or in your physical/emotional body. There may be a lot of "emotional garbage" that needs to be cleared away before progress can be made. Allow the cleansing. A breakthrough in the area of personal comfort and peace of mind is at hand.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

Insights abound . . . Now you know what is stunting your growth in your present situation. Bravo! Trust your intuitions. Doubts only lead to confusion. Past relationships provide information on needed changes. A yearning to move on, to clear the air, to be free will start a positive trend toward personal power.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

A power struggle in regard to a financial issue is ready for resolution. You may have to let go of previously cherished hopes/or opinions. Clear communication is a necessity now. Personal insights/breakthrough in area of self value are in motion. Listen well to your intuitions.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

A powerful healing of a troubling situation is evident. Your personal style/appearance are changing. You are like the "phoenix rising out of the ashes" of dead and decayed life structures. The increasing tempo of your willingness to be in your life, for you and as you, is creating the breakthrough. Hurray for you!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Images from the past are being forced into consciousness. A nagging feeling of not being able to cope with the power of the situation can interfere with progress. Seek guidance to recognize personal truths. It is time for you to integrate unconscious motivation with conscious action.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

You may be feeling a need to withdraw into yourself more than usual. An attraction to a friend can develop into something deeper if you are willing to let go of your fears. A sudden change in personal relationship. Take time to explore your true feelings.

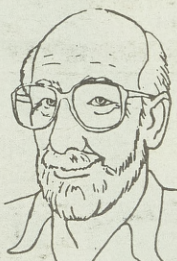
Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

A change in direction on the job is in motion. It is time to assert yourself. A power struggle is ready to shift its emphasis toward the positive. Group plans and activities may interfere with recent need for solitude. Be open to rearranging your schedule.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Worries and doubts about current relationship may be a major influence on your moods during this trend. Expect a breakthrough in the area of spiritual/philosophical beliefs. This internal transition can clear the way for much progress on the professional level. Time is right to present ideas to the public.

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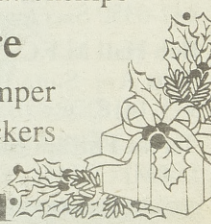
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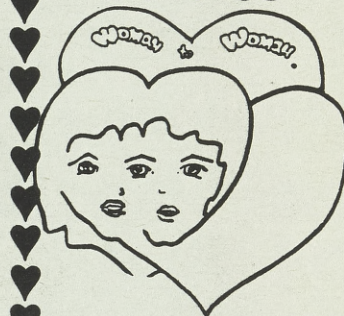
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